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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Original): A method for operating an electromagnetic gun in a shipboard environment, which method comprises:
  - providing an electromagnetic gun;
  - coupling the electromagnetic gun to a rotatable platform on a ship in a location which is open to the surrounding environment;
  - providing a pulse forming network having a substantially circular cross-sectional shape within a substantially cylindrical bulkhead located on a deck of the ship below the rotatable platform;
  - electronically connecting the pulse forming network to the gun;
  - providing energy from the ship to charge the pulse forming network; and
  - transferring pulsed energy from the pulse forming network to the electromagnetic gun.
2. (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising:
  - providing a vertically aligned service port in the cylindrical bulkhead to provide access to the pulse forming network.
3. (Original): The method of claim 2 further comprising:
  - rotating the pulse forming network within the cylindrical bulkhead to provide access to components of the pulse forming network at different angular positions via the service port in the bulkhead.
4. (Original): The method of claim 1 further comprising:
  - rotating the pulse forming network and the electromagnetic gun in unison to aim the gun at a target.
5. (Original): The method of claim 1 wherein pulsed energy from the pulse forming network is provided to the electromagnetic gun via unbroken cabling.

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6. (Original): A method for operating an electromagnetic gun in a shipboard environment, which method comprises:
- supporting an electromagnetic gun upon a rotatable platform on one deck of a ship;
  - providing a pulse forming network having a substantially circular cross sectional shape;
  - locating the pulse forming network within a bulkhead located vertically below the rotatable platform on a lower deck of the ship and supporting same to rotate on the same axis as the platform;
  - electrically coupling the electromagnetic gun on the rotatable platform to the pulse forming network;
  - providing energy from the electrical system of the ship to charge the pulse forming network; and
  - causing pulsed energy from the pulse forming network to flow to the electromagnetic gun to operate the gun.
7. (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the pulse forming network and the electromagnetic gun are rotated in unison to aim the gun.
8. (Original): The method of claim 6 wherein the pulsed energy from the pulse forming network flows to the electromagnetic gun via unbroken cabling.
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